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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.22 am): I rise to make a contribution and I want to start by saying the estimates were categorised by failure of the government to deal with the big four crises that are impacting this state. One of them is around the ability to deliver projects on time and on budget, and that is highlighted by the Gabba. The Premier at one stage in the media provided commentary that he did not believe he was the infrastructure minister at the time—that was corrected—but he still has not confirmed why the \$1.2 billion figure was never shared with Queenslanders. We know as a result of a leak from the cabinet that it was told many months before and yet the government continued to parade a figure of \$1.2 billion without visibility and transparency.

I want to talk about housing. We found out that the committee involved with a review being done into housing has barely met. The director-general and indeed the Premier could not say how frequently that committee had met. We spoke about millions spent on Griffith University emergency housing.

In terms of the cost of living, the Premier failed to detail the cost of two jets to fly to the same location at similar times. I am unsure why that information was not able to be shared by the Premier because the Police Commissioner, to his great credit, came with that information a few days later. I am not sure what the Premier was expecting. I am not sure what the Premier was expecting the Police Commissioner to do. Of course he was going to share it. All it did was delay the inevitable, and it showed the tactics of this government and its inability to deliver what matters.

I want to turn to crime. Right now Queenslanders need to know about the focus on crime more than at any other time. Nothing will change in Queensland until government changes, and what is happening at Goondiwindi at the moment shows a crisis of the making of this government—weaker laws, fewer police, and as a result the heart and soul of communities are being ripped apart. We are seeing it unfold on the streets of Goondiwindi. For the government to come in here and try to parade the number of officers that were allocated to the station in full knowledge that it was operating at half capacity and it took brave whistleblowers to come forward shows you the depths of the Queensland crime crisis. Nothing will change until government changes. My commitment by the end of the year is Adult Crime, Adult Time. That is our commitment to the people of Queensland.

Let me return to estimates where, during consideration of the health portfolio, we spoke about the new hospital plan that has blown out by over a billion dollars despite not delivering one single extra bed. Queenslanders need to know that we are committed to a world-class health system. We are

committed to making sure the so-called satellite hospitals are properly named and properly resourced. That is our commitment to heal the Queensland health crisis. We will make sure that hospitals are built on time and on budget. That is important to the opposition because it is important to Queenslanders.

I want to finish with the matter of integrity. You would expect that the estimates hearings were a long time ago based on the following information that I am to speak to right now. The government said there was nothing it could do about the militant behaviour of the CFMEU. Do members remember that? Minister after minister said there was absolutely nothing that could be done. After immense pressure, after a change in approach from a brave sector that has stood up and called out the militant behaviour, we have seen the government in recent days scrambling to try to grab little bits and pieces, but they are not prepared to take the responsible action to make sure workers are well paid, they are safe, their contracts are adhered to and that productivity returns to job sites. That is our commitment.

Finally, in my remaining 30 seconds, I want to flag that the CCC report into the Jackie Trad matter still has not been furnished. What we saw yesterday shows that the protection racket will continue.

One final thing we uncovered is that, based on a failure to answer, we suspect there is a WhatsApp communication between Gary Bullock—the man who, by doing a deal with the CFMEU and others, installed this Premier as Premier—and the Premier, and he does not believe those records should be public. That is wrong; they should be, and there are many questions to answer in that regard.